THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) (a) and (b) The reservation in promotions has already been provided to SC|STs in the Public Sector Undertaking as below:—

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(a) through limited departmental competitive examination in Group B, C&D (Cl. II, III & IV) . .	15%	7½%
(b) by selection from Group B (Cl. II) to the lowest rung or category in Group A (Cl.I) and in Groups B, C&D (Cl II, III & IV).	15%	7½%
(c) on the basis of seniority subject to fitness in Groups A, B, C&D (Cl. I, II, III & IV) .	15%	7½%
Subject to the condition that the element of Direct recruitment if any does not exceeds		66-⅔%

Special courts to try offences of sati

3680. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up special courts to try the offence of *Sati*; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up such courts for any other offence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Government propose to introduce a Bill to prevent commission of sati in the country. One of the provisions of this Bill is the setting up of Special Courts to try offences coming under the proposed Act.

(b) Government set up Special Court whenever need for such courts arises.

सातवीं योजना की समीक्षा

3681. श्री रशीद मसूद : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 27 नवम्बर, 1987 के "इकानामिक टाइम्स" में "सेवेन्थ प्लान कम्स इन फार शार्प क्रिटिसिज्म" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है , और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले की समीक्षा की है , और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

योजना मंत्री, कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री तथा विधि और न्याय मंत्री (श्री पी. शिवशंकर) : (क) तथा (ख) समाचार पत्र की यह रिपोर्ट स्पष्टतया भारत अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र के आर्थिक दलद्वारा अर्थव्यवस्था, 1987–88 की मध्यवर्ष पुनरीक्षा के विचार-विमर्श के लिए आयोजित सेमिनार पर आधारित है।

(ग) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के मध्यावधि मूल्यांकन पर विचार-विमर्श चल रहा है।

Offer of joint space research centre with Soviet Union

3682. DR. H. P SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have accepted a proposal for a joint space research centre with the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and in what manner it would be integrated with our indigenous national programme upto the nineties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYAN): (a) and (b) The Soviet interest in establishing an International Space Centre in India was announced during the the visit of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to India during November, 1986.